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Partly cloudy sky with one or two spells of rain

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Greater transition

Bengaluru to become Greater Bengaluru, for now existing officials will hold on to power and responsibilities till new set-up is completely implemented



Toll trouble

Residents of areas within 5-km radius of recently inaugurated Somanahalli Toll Plaza on the National Highway frustrated at having to pay tolls

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Flat owners allege inordinate delays in issuance of e-khata causing them distress as many of them want to sell property due to financial requirements; officials say everything being taken care of in time

GLITCH IN THE E-KHATA MATRIX

Those added to BBMP limits in 2008 facing most trouble

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Despite Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities, now Greater Bengaluru authorities, claiming of having fixed all glitches with e-khata system, some property owners, especially those who want to dispose of properties due to financial reasons, say they are still having to run from pillar to post to get e-khata certificates for their properties in the city.

e-khata certificates are supposed to be issued within two days of the application submission. However, property owners, especially from the 110 villages and municipal councils that were added to the BBMP limits in 2008, have been facing a lot of problems. They have been waiting for months to get the e-khata certificates, they claimed.

Some of the owners want to sell their properties due to financial or health issues but are unable to do so as they need e-khata certificates. They cannot sell their properties without e-khata certificates because such properties would not be registered at the Sub-Registrar Offices.



A few owners have already incurred losses and others are in depression due to the inordinate delay in getting the e-khata certificates from the authorities.

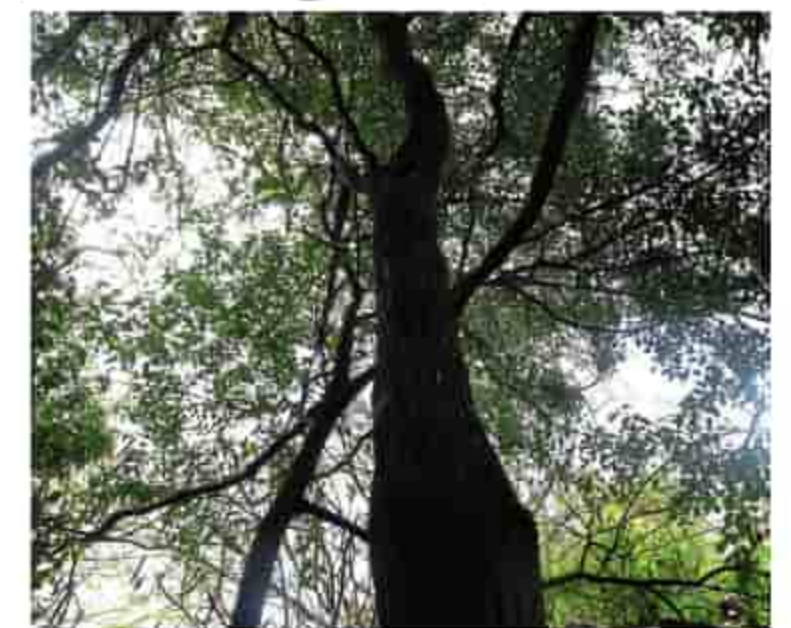
"I have submitted an application for e-khata to my flat in November 2024 but it hasn't worked out so far.

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"I wanted to sell my flat due to financial problems but I could not do that without e-khata as it is mandatory for registering the sale deed at the Sub-Registrar Office. I have incurred Rs 2 lakh to Rs 3 lakh loss since last November

—Satyajit Samal, flat-owner

Patches of green



5 new theme-based tree parks to raise awareness about conservation of green urban spaces

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Bengaluru is all set to get five new theme-based tree parks in various parts of the city. The Forest Department of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) informed BM that work on these parks has already begun. Two out of the five tree parks are located in the Bommanahalli zone, one in Raja Rajeshwari Nagar, and two parks are being created in Yelahanka zone.

The parks, apart from providing lung space to the locals, are also expected to regulate microclimate and reduce the urban heat island impact in these areas.

"Land parcels for setting up these parks were identified a few months ago. Work on all five parks started nearly 10 days ago. It is difficult to find open space in Bengaluru amidst rapid urbanisation, and these parks will help citizens get a breath of fresh air. They will also ensure respite from rapid concretization," said BLG Swamy, Deputy Conservator of Forest, BBMP.

BBMP says the idea is also to enrich Bengaluru's biological and ecological diversity.

Among these parks will be Rashi Vana, Nakshatra Vana, and

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THINGS TO DO

01 Kamishibai magic



Join Ramya Srinidhi and Seema Karanth for a magical Kamishibai storytelling session featuring two delightful tales based on popular children's books filled with laughter, wonder, and picture-perfect storytelling. **Where:** Atta Galatta, Indiranagar; **When:** Saturday, May 17, 11.00 am

02 Bass takes flight

Oddvision x ELVT presents Turbulence V7 featuring Inner world, Stinger & Nicotine, a night of deep techno, ambient grooves, and hypnotic rhythms, powered by Big Butt Audio and Vision of Sound. **Where:** Indiranagar SOCIAL; **When:** Friday, May 16, 7.00 pm



03 Wild West vibes

The Drawing Room by Smoke House Deli brings country charm and soulful indie tunes with Finger Chips live, paired with signature cocktails and small plates for the perfect Friday night unwind. **Where:** The Drawing Room, Indiranagar; **When:** Friday, May 16, 2025, 8.00 pm



04 Divine drama unfolds

Sri Raja Rajeshwari KalaNiketan and the Academy of Music, Bangalore, present the 50th Samanvay Arts Festival featuring Shri Krishna Leelaarnava a captivating journey from Krishna's birth to the Bhagavad Gita. **Where:** Chowdaiah Memorial Hall; **When:** Friday, May 16, 5.30 pm

05 Heat meets art

Sweat & Concrete 2025 showcases multimedia storytelling and live performances highlighting informal workers' fight against rising temperatures, featuring the interactive Neralu Heat Shelter installation. **Where:** Sabha Space; **When:** May 29-30

Curtains for BBMP, we are Greater Bengaluru now

CM says at least three municipal corporations may be formed under this new framework; existing officials to hold power, responsibility till transition is complete

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Even though the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has technically ceased to exist from Thursday, paving the way for a new chapter in the city's governance, the civic agency will continue to function until a new arrangement is made. A government notification issued on Thursday stated, "The powers and responsibilities under the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Act, 2020 will continue to be exercised by the existing officials until the BBMP and other local bodies are reconstituted as per the Greater Bengaluru Governance Act, 2024."

With the implementation of the new Act, the BBMP will now be referred to as the Greater Bengaluru Area (GBA), according to official sources. This transition signals a significant restructuring in the city's administrative setup, laying the groundwork for a more decentralised and integrated urban governance model.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah confirmed the development, stating, "From now on, Bengaluru will transition into Greater Bengaluru. There is a possibility of forming at least three municipal corporations under this

“Decisions on its structure, functioning will be taken in the coming days” – Chief Minister Siddaramaiah

new framework. I will serve as the Chairperson of the new authority, and necessary decisions regarding its structure and functioning will be taken in the coming days."

During this transition phase, the Urban Development Department will appoint an Administrative Officer to oversee the GBA. This officer will function under the government's direction, with the state retaining final authority on all policy matters. As mandated by the Act, a Greater Bengaluru Authority led by the Chief Minister must be constituted within 120 days. The Minister for Bengaluru Development will act as Vice-Chairperson. The body will also include Bengaluru-based MLAs, ministers, and the Urban Development Minister.

The government also plans to create three separate municipal corporations: Bengaluru North, Bengaluru South, and

Bengaluru Central. Each will comprise approximately 125 wards and will begin with the prefix "Bengaluru," reflecting newly defined administrative boundaries aimed at enhancing civic responsiveness.

To ensure better coordination, the Greater Bengaluru Authority will bring key civic agencies under a single administrative umbrella. These include mayors of the new corporations and heads of major urban bodies such as the BDA, BWSSB, BMTC, BMRL, BESCOM, Bengaluru Urban District, Bengaluru City Police, Urban Land Transport, and Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited. The Chief Commissioner will serve as Member Secretary of the authority.

This overhaul caps nearly 150 years of local governance evolution. Bengaluru's civic journey began in 1881 under British rule and evolved through several stages — from the Bangalore City Corporation in 1949 to the formation of the BBMP in 2007. The new model aims to streamline governance and meet the needs of a rapidly growing metropolis.

HC halts final report against Sonu Nigam

The Karnataka High Court on Thursday issued an interim order halting the submission of a final report in a criminal case filed against singer Sonu Nigam. The case stems from allegedly inappropriate remarks made during a Bengaluru concert after audience members requested Kannada songs. Justice Shivashankar Amarannavar, presiding over the vacation bench, issued notices to the respondents, seeking their objection statements. The court stayed the filing of the final report and barred coercive action against Nigam, provided he cooperates with the ongoing investigation.

The court allowed Nigam to record his statement via video conferencing. However, if a physical appearance is deemed necessary by the investigating officer, Nigam must cover the officer's travel expenses for recording the statement at his location.

Nigam is facing charges under BNS Sections 351(2), 352(1), and 353. He has petitioned for quashing the FIR, arguing that his comments did not cause disruption and that the event proceeded smoothly. His counsel informed the court that the complainant was not present at the concert and filed the FIR based on second-hand accounts. Opposing the plea, Additional State Public Prosecutor B N Jagadeesha said the programme was live-streamed and widely circulated on social media, making the alleged remarks publicly accessible.

The prosecutor noted Nigam's earlier lack of response to official notices but agreed to forgo coercive measures if he cooperated. The court permitted either a virtual statement or physical recording at his residence. — BMB

Guest teachers' pay hiked

The Karnataka state government has announced an increase in the monthly honorarium for guest teachers and lecturers working in government primary and high schools, as well as pre-university colleges.

In line with the 2025-26 budget announcement, the government has issued an order raising the monthly honorarium for all guest educators by ₹2,000, effective immediately. With this revision, primary school guest teachers will now receive ₹12,000, up from ₹10,000, while high school guest teachers will get ₹12,500 instead of ₹10,500. Guest lecturers in government pre-university colleges, who were earlier paid ₹12,000, will



File photo of a protest held by guest lecturers

now be entitled to ₹14,000 per month.

The order also clarifies that this revised pay will remain in effect until further notice, providing a modest but welcome relief to thousands of temporary educators across the state.

— BMB

No OC, no utilities

The BBMP has initiated a drive to ensure that power, water, and sanitation connections from BESCOM and BWSSB are provided only to buildings that possess a valid Occupancy Certificate (OC) or Completion Certificate, in line with the Supreme Court's order dated December 17, 2024, in Civil Appeal No. 14605/2024.

This move comes after officials found that nearly 66,400 applications for new electricity connections had been submitted within BBMP limits. As per the court's directive, utilities can be extended only to properties certified by the local authority.

To enforce this, BBMP will contact applicants through SMS and phone calls to verify details such as Khata status, building plan approval, and OC application. The Chief Commissioner urged citizens to apply for the certificate via a registered architect or engineer on the official portal: <https://bpas.bbmpgov.in/BPAMSCClient4/Default.aspx> — BMB

OFC mess: BBMP gets tough

BMP Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao launched a comprehensive inspection drive in the East Zone, directing the immediate removal of unauthorised Optical Fiber Cables (OFC) and issuing a slew of civic improvement instructions.

During a 2.5-kilometre inspection from Guttahalli flyover to the Cantonment railway track, Rao flagged cables hanging hazardously over footpaths and ordered their immediate removal. He criticised service providers for violating norms by laying cables on trees, poles, and pavements despite the availability of designated ducts along TenderSure and white-topped roads. Rao instructed officials to repurpose vacant and unhygienic BBMP plots for public use, especially as vending zones. He also called for fencing and



regular maintenance around roadside transformers.

Noting the absence of proper footpaths in areas such as Palace Road and Vasanthnagar, he directed a review and construction of walkways. Institutions were warned of penalties for illegal posters and hoardings. At the Indira Canteen, he stressed on food hygiene and ordered immediate desilting of stormwater drains to prevent waterlogging. — BMB

Somanahalli Toll hits daily life of nearby villages

Newly opened Toll Plaza is drawing flak from villagers forced to pay despite living within 5 km; locals demand exemptions or service roads, citing daily disruptions

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The recently inaugurated Somanahalli Toll Plaza on the National Highway (209/948) connecting Bengaluru to Kanakapura has become a major inconvenience for the local villagers. Residents living within a 5 km radius of the toll plaza are being charged toll fees, which has sparked widespread frustration.

In recent years, the traffic volume around Bengaluru has significantly increased, leading to the installation of several toll gates on major roads with the cooperation of the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) and the state government. Four days ago, the Somanahalli Toll Gate was launched, and it has affected around 15 villages in the surrounding areas, including Kaggalahalli, Somanahalli, Nelguli, and Taralu. These villages rely on Kaggalahalli as the main centre, which has essential facilities like hospitals, police stations, banks, petrol stations, and markets.

The residents, who rely on this route for daily activities, including farmers, workers, and goods transporters, are now forced to pay the toll fee. This has become a source of grievance, especially for the locals who have to pay toll charges despite being located only a few kilometres away from the plaza.

Opposition from start

The locals and farmers had expressed opposition when the toll collection centre was being set up. Initially, NHAI officials had promised to construct a separate service road, but they later claimed it was not



Locals are upset over being forced to pay toll for daily commutes

possible to provide free access. This led to widespread protests, causing a delay in the construction work. Despite the protests, the work was completed under police security, and toll collection began.

Traffic jams persist despite toll collection

The traffic on this National Highway has increased considerably, with vehicles taking up to 30 minutes to cover a 5 km stretch. On weekends, traffic jams cause vehicles to remain stationary for long distances. The narrow road sometimes leads to accidents, putting drivers at risk. Meanwhile, local white-board vehicles are being charged the same as long-distance vehicles, with fees of 85 for vehicles travelling 60 km and 150 for yellow-board vehicles.

According to central government regulations, commercial vehicles within a 20 km radius of a toll plaza should be exempt from toll fees. However, full toll charges are being collected at the Somanahalli Toll Plaza, which is seen as an injustice to farmers, workers, and the poor.

Appeal for toll exemption

Nadeem Pasha, State President of the Karnataka State Farmers' Association, emphasised that locals should be given toll exemptions, or service roads should be constructed on both sides of the toll gate. "If these demands are not met, we will organise an intense protest," he warned.

Complaint to District Commissioner

Residents had submitted a complaint to the Deputy Commissioner regarding the troubles caused by the toll plaza. NHAI officials had verbally promised free access for all local vehicles, but the toll collection agency later claimed that there was no written order to grant exemptions. As a result, daily small-scale conflicts between locals and the toll collection agency continue. Despite this, neither NHAI nor district authorities have taken any action to resolve the issue. Locals also allege that required signboards for the toll road have not been installed.

Cloudy skies, evening showers

Bengaluru and its surrounding areas can expect partly cloudy skies during the day, turning generally cloudy by evening over the next 24 to 48 hours. Moderate rain and thundershowers are likely, accompanied by gusty winds reaching 40 to 50 kmph. Temperatures are expected to remain steady, with maximums around 31°C and minimums near 20°C.

An IMD official said, "An upper air cyclonic circulation currently situated over North Interior Karnataka and adjoining regions at about 1.5 km above sea level is influencing the weather. Another cyclonic circulation is present over north coastal

Tamil Nadu, affecting nearby areas similarly."

Currently, the south-west monsoon continues its steady advance, now covering parts of the southeast Arabian Sea, Maldives, Comorin area, South Bay of Bengal, Andaman Islands, and the Andaman Sea. The monsoon's northern boundary currently stretches across several key coordinates in the region, indicating strengthening activity. Meteorologists expect the monsoon to progress further over the south Arabian Sea, Maldives, Comorin region, remaining parts of the Andaman Islands, and central Bay of Bengal within the next 3 to 4 days.

-BMB

Biker killed in road mishap

A 25-year-old man lost his life in a road accident on Tuesday night after losing control of his motorcycle on the rain-soaked Outer Ring Road, within the Jnanabharathi Traffic Police Station limits.

The deceased, identified as Keerthi, was riding his motorcycle around 9:15 pm, heading from Ullalu Junction towards Mariyappanapalya Junction. According to police, he was reportedly speeding and driving recklessly when he lost control near the PVP School in

Mariyappanapalya during a spell of heavy rain.

Keerthi fell from the vehicle and sustained severe head injuries. Passersby rushed him to the nearby Aryan Hospital, but doctors declared him dead. A case has been registered at Jnanabharathi Traffic Police Station under Cr No 103/2025, invoking sections 281 and 106(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). Police suspect wet roads and high speed to be contributing factors. Further investigation is underway.

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BM Food & Night Life

Advertorial Promotional Feature

Summer's here, so are fresh fruity pops

Do you want your children to enjoy fruits in a fresh way this summer? How about making some fruit pop-sicles? They're a healthier alternative to aerated drinks and high-sugar syrups. These pop-sicles are not just a natural fix, but also make for a smarter dessert idea. They help you stay hydrated and give you an energy boost. What's more, you can use just about any fruit — for instance, strawberries. Here are a few tips on how to make the cold sticks...

- Add some juice or lime water for extra taste.
- Place these in the fridge.
- When semi-set, insert a stick in each and re-freeze.
- When set, run the moulds under cold water to ease out the pops.



Different kinds

There's a lot to try out. Use fresh oranges or mosambi that are always in season. Mix pomegranate with lemon and a little cinnamon. Try hibiscus

with pomegranate by mixing hibiscus tea with pomegranate juice, opt for peach pulp with honey. In summer, you can also make coconut water pop-sicles as coconut is high in potassium and extremely hydrating.

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How to make cold pops

- Mash the fruit in a bowl and spoon it into the popsicle moulds.



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Vijay Karnataka and Bangalore Mirror Education Excellence Award 2024-25 was all about recognising those who lay the foundation for skills and knowledge

'Robust Human Resource Development Should Be the Key Goal of the Education Sector'



Achievers of the education sector are felicitated with 'Vijay Karnataka' and 'Bangalore Mirror' Education Excellence Award 2024-25



The VK-BM Education Excellence Awards 2024-25 event, held at a private Hotel in the city, was an occasion to honour outstanding contributions in the field of education. Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, during the ceremony, emphasised the importance of human resource development, especially in the education sector, and stressed that a thriving workforce is essential for any country. He added that countries with a growing population require the nurturing of human resources to address global challenges. "Across the world, many countries face a shortage of skilled labour, and this is where human resource development becomes crucial.

The very concept of family and community plays a vital role in shaping this development, even in countries with large populations," said Minister Joshi.

Education and Skill Development Go Hand-in-Hand

The event also saw an inspiring address from former ISRO Chairman Dr. A.S. Kiran Kumar, who spoke about the importance of integrating skill development with education. "Students should not only focus on academic learning but also develop life skills. They must understand their own potential and capabilities. The traditional education system, which focuses on nurturing one's in-

Learning is Crucial in Every Field

"When I completed engineering and began considering whether to pursue a job or continue with higher studies, I didn't feel that what I had studied in engineering would be of much use. That's when I understood the importance of being skilled," said actress and producer Milana Nagaraj. "Along with academics, educational institutions and teachers play a vital role in shaping the personality of every student. Learning is essential in every field," she added.

ner strengths, needs to evolve alongside modern education practices," he stated. Dr. Kumar also highlighted the significance of indigenous wisdom and how it needs to be nurtured to complement the

knowledge derived from western educational systems. He explained that the modern education system, divided into distinct subjects like science, commerce, and arts, must also recognise the need for developing soft skills and emotional intelligence to enhance one's capacity to thrive.

Challenges and the Need for a Unified Approach to Education

The educational experts present during the event stressed that education in India needs to cater to both academic and vocational skills. "The solution to the challenges faced by students is not only about imparting knowledge but also developing practical skills," said one expert. Dr. Kumar also pointed out the importance of holistic education systems that nurture both intellect and character, teaching students how to apply their knowledge in real-world scenarios. "In the end, it's about

making them understand the value of human potential and how to use it effectively," he concluded.

"There are many achievers in the field of education. Through years of continuous effort, they have scaled numerous heights to reach this stage. It is difficult for the government to recognise everyone, which is why 'Vijay Karnataka' and 'Bangalore Mirror' are taking the initiative to acknowledge such achievers. By honoring them, we are fostering further motivation and creating a positive environment for service," said Sudarshan Channangihalli, Editor of 'Vijay Karnataka'.

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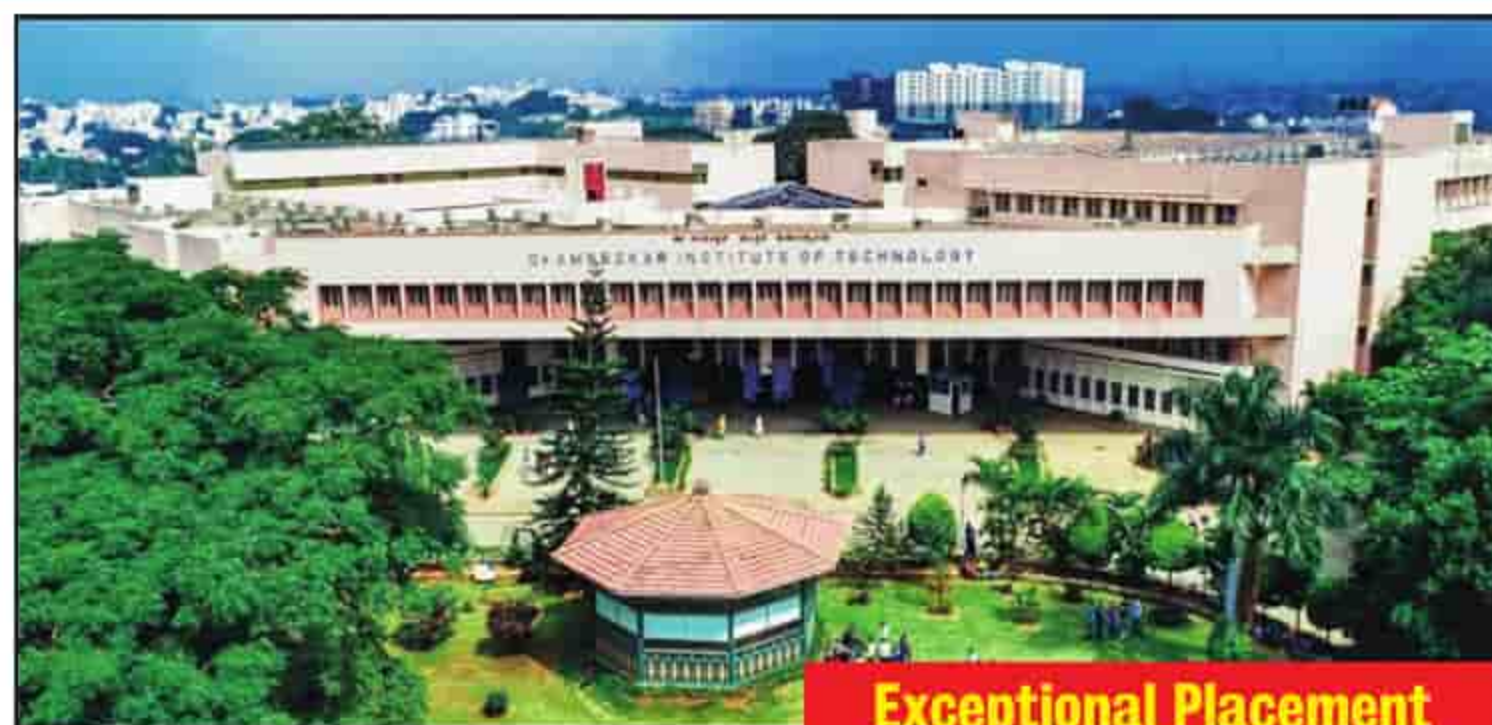
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Shri S. Mariswamy IPS,
Chairman,
PVP Welfare Trust

M.H. Jayaprakash Narayan under the Panchajanya Vidyapeetha Welfare Trust, the institution continues to flourish under the guidance of its current Chairman, Shri S. Mariswamy IPS.

An autonomous institute with a legacy spanning over 45 years, Dr. Ambedkar Institute of Technology has shaped nearly 2 lakh engineers and carved a niche at both national



and international levels. Accredited with an 'A+' grade by NAAC, the college began with core courses like IT, Mechanical, Electrical, and Civil Engineering, and now offers 14 undergraduate programs and 7 postgraduate programs, including MBA and MCA. Dr AIT's outcome-based and industry-oriented education mod-



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el — focused on student-centric learning, continuous curriculum enhancement, modern teaching methods, and skill evaluation — has made it a preferred choice among global aspirants. With over 5,000 students currently enrolled (4,700 UG, 300 PG, and 86 PhD scholars), the institution continues to lead from the front.

Innovative 60:40 Learning Model

Dr. Ambedkar Institute of Technology follows a unique 60:40 learning

Panchajanya Vidyapeetha Welfare Trust runs 22 educational institutions and 15 research centres. A majority of students at Dr AIT come from rural backgrounds and many have achieved success at global levels."



— Prof M. Mahadeva,
Secretary, PVP Welfare Trust

model — 60% practical training and 40% theory — emphasizing experience-based and skill-oriented education. The curriculum further integrates 30% academic theory, 20% research, and 40% industry-focused training. Industry experts and achievers are invited as faculty, while examinations and evaluations are conducted independently by external academicians to maintain transparency and quality.

Technical Talent Showcases

To encourage creativity and innovation, Dr. Ambedkar Institute of Technology hosts various events that highlight student talent and technical prowess. Every year, on Ambedkar Jayanti, it organizes a national-level technical expo featuring student projects from

Global Recognition

As a government-aided institution, Dr AIT boasts 259 experienced faculty and 300 non-teaching staff. It features well-equipped labs, sports & hostel facilities, a rich library, cultural infrastructure, and a state-of-the-art IDEA Lab in partnership with the Central Government. Its commitment to student-centric, skill-based education has earned it recognition on the global stage, says Principal Prof. M.N. Thippeswamy.

across India. Events such as hackathons, ideathons, design contests, and fully Kannada-based cultural fests foster an environment of experimentation and research. The institute has allocated 1 crore to promote student and faculty innovation and research.

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Shivraju — A Beacon of Hope for Underprivileged Students

In an era where education has largely become commercialized, Shivraju, Secretary of SRK Education Society, stands out as a true role model. His mission: providing free education to students from economically weaker families. At the heart of this effort is Navachethana School in Singanayakanahalli, run by SRK Education Society. The school offers quality education at highly affordable fees for students from poor and middle-class backgrounds. For those unable to afford even minimal fees, Shivraju ensures that education is provided completely free of cost. "I save 20% of my income from other work outside of the school and use it entirely to fund free education for these children," says Shivraju, with humility.

Empowering Generations Since 1979

Founded in 1979-80, Navachethana School received government-aided recognition in 2004, along with 14 guntas of sanctioned land. Since Shivraju assumed charge as Secretary in 2014-15, the school has seen remarkable growth, expanding both in infrastructure and student strength. Today, around 3,000 students in the Kannada medium and 700 students in the English medium pursue their education at Navachethana. The institution prides itself on offering top-class facilities to foster holistic learning.



Leaving No Child Behind

Deeply committed to ensuring that no child drops out, Shivraju has taken proactive steps to support migrant families from North Karnataka who have moved to the city for work. Recognizing the risk of these children being deprived of education, he personally intervenes, encouraging parents to enroll their children. To further ease access, free bus services are provided for Kannada-medium students from surrounding areas like Singanayakanahalli, Vidyanarayana, Sadenahalli Gati-ganahalli, Kenchenahalli, Harohalli. Avalahalli, Nagenahalli. Dibburi Madappanahalli, Mailappanahalli,

Mavallipura, Byalakere, Attur, and Yelahanka Phase 4. In addition, students are given free notebooks and uniforms, removing financial barriers to learning.

Hostel and Nursing College in the Pipeline

Understanding the need for continued support, Shivraju plans to launch a free hostel facility for students from underprivileged families, ensuring they have a safe place to stay and study. A request has already been submitted to the government, and if approvals come through, two hostels will be operational by 2025-26. Looking ahead, he also dreams of setting up a nursing

college to create new professional opportunities for students from poor and middle-income families.

Inspired by Personal Struggles

Shivraju's commitment is deeply personal. Having lost his father while in 4th grade and his mother during his PUC (Pre-University Course) years, he completed his education under the care of others, juggling multiple jobs to survive. "During SSLC (10th grade), illness kept me away from school for a month. Thanks to my teachers' encouragement and medical support, I was able to write the exams and continue my studies. That guidance changed

Education: The Path to a Stronger Nation

"When one child is educated, it lights up an entire family. My dream is for India to become a stronger nation through the power of education," says Shivraju with conviction. Every year, more than 100 students appear for the SSLC examination, and the school boasts a 100% pass rate, with 70% of students achieving distinction. Special tuition classes are also organized on campus to ensure that every child succeeds.

my life," he recalls. His struggles inspired him to create a system where no child would have to face the same hardships.

A Journey Powered by Community Support

With the guidance of well-wishers and local MLA S.R. Vishwanath, the institution has made significant strides. Many former students have gone on to complete their degrees, post-graduations, and even pursue prestigious courses like KAS (Karnataka Administrative Service) training. "When a child is educated, the whole family rises. Education changes lives," says Shivraju — a man whose life and work continue to illuminate the paths of thousands of children.

Make Your Study Abroad Dream Come True with CareerGyan

Many students dream of pursuing higher education abroad. However, due to the misconception that it's too expensive, several give up on the idea. CareerGyan, a company based in Karnataka, is breaking that myth—stating that one can study overseas at the same cost as a management quota seat in India. The company also offers complete guidance to make this dream a reality.

Shiva Krishna HR, the founder of CareerGyan, offers end-to-end support—from applying to foreign universities to training and completing the education journey. With a minimum budget of 15 lakhs, students can pursue higher education in countries like



Why study abroad is a viable option?

In India, talented students often struggle due to limited seats and tough entrance exams at both state and national levels. Even if they

score high marks, getting a seat under the management quota can be extremely costly. If a student doesn't secure a government quota seat, they end up paying heavily under the management quota. For example, a Computer Science seat in a top engineering college in Bengaluru under the management quota costs 30-40 lakhs. For the

Germany. For studying in the U.S., one may require around 40 lakhs. Students can select the country and university based on their financial capabilities. Shiva Krishna HR adds that many universities abroad offer attractive scholarships for students.

Guiding Thousands of Students

An engineering graduate from Chitradurga, H.R. Shivakrishna started CareerGyan after working in various companies. With a

mission to assist students aspiring to study overseas, he has successfully guided thousands so far.

From the beginning of my career, I have upheld integrity and ethics. That's why I never promote fake universities. After a student's admission, I personally visit foreign institutions to verify everything. CareerGyan ensures all kinds of support needed for pursuing education abroad."

— Shiva Krishna HR
Director, CareerGyan

same amount, students can study in the U.S.

Many students take education loans and struggle to repay them with their initial salary post-placement. Instead, students can study abroad at a lesser cost and secure

What CareerGyan Offers

- Guidance on foreign universities and scholarship opportunities
- Training for entrance exams and visa assistance
- Help with student loans and hostel facilities
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MAGAZINE:

Abroad Now – A free digital magazine published once in three months, available on download for free from abroadnow.co, offering current affairs and study abroad insights.

a well-paying job there. Eventually, they may choose to return to India after gaining international experience. Additionally, students can work part-time during their studies, which reduces financial stress. Shiva Krishna HR emphasizes that CareerGyan helps make this journey smoother and more affordable.

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Amity University, Bengaluru: Redefining higher education

Amity University, Bengaluru known for its distinctive academic approach among private universities, has now established a new, state-of-the-art campus in Bengaluru Rural district. Built on 35 acres of land in Vishwanathapura, this campus is designed to international standards and aims to transform the learning experience by offering a diverse range of innovative courses.

At a time when most students chase engineering degrees, Amity stands apart by offering a balanced mix of Engineering, Humanities, Law, Management, and Allied Sciences. In just two years, the university has successfully launched 24 undergraduate and postgraduate programs, ushering in a new era of multidimensional learning.



Choice-Based Learning

Amity's Open Electives allow students to pursue subjects across departments. For example, an engineering student can simultaneously explore courses from the arts stream or any other field of their interest, promoting holistic development and interdisciplinary learning.



Visionary Vice Chancellor: Prof (Dr.) D Subhakar

With over 40 years of experience in both academia and governance, Prof (Dr.) D Subhakar brings a wealth of expertise. He holds a postgraduate degree from AIT, Thailand, and a PhD from IIT Madras. He has held sev-

eral key roles including Academic Dean and Director of Software Development at ANRT and CPRI under the Kerala government. He has also served as Vice-Chancellor at Vellore VIT, Andhra Pradesh VIT, and Presidency University.

Campus Designed for the Future With just 200 students in its inaugural batch, the campus now houses over 1,000 students and expects further growth in admissions for the 2025-26 academic year. According to Prof (Dr.) D Subhakar, the Chancellor of the Bengaluru campus, Amity follows a student-centric curriculum, designed to create a conducive environment for effective learning.

Courses Aligned with Future Job Markets

Recognizing the rising demand for electric mobility and advanced IT skills, Amity is preparing to launch new-age courses in EV Technology, DevOps, and Full Stack Development. These are tailored to provide hands-on learning and make students job-ready with strong industry relevance. Every course is

supported by dedicated lab infrastructure, including facilities like MATLAB labs for practical learning.

Skill Development: More Than Just Degrees

Amity doesn't believe in grade inflation. As a private university, it maintains strict standards in assessment and evaluation, while ensuring ample learning opportunities. From software training in Python, Java, and C++, to the introduction of innovative classroom methods like start boards and structured note-taking, every initiative is designed to enhance outcomes.

Life Skills for Real Life

Understanding the importance of practical knowledge, Amity also offers Life Skills Courses that equip students for day-to-day life. From plumbing, cooking, and woodworking to electrical basics, over 80 life-skill courses are available to all students.

Admissions Open

With a commitment to providing global-standard education that's locally relevant, Amity University is creating a new academic benchmark in Karnataka. The university is also gearing up to introduce even more future-ready courses in the coming years.

Being a private university does not imply that we award marks arbitrarily. We adhere to stringent regulations in conducting examinations and evaluations. At the same time, we ensure that students are given ample opportunities to enhance their learning"

— Prof (Dr.) D Subhakar,
Vice-Chancellor

Campus Highlights

- Green Campus
- Foreign Language Training
- Fully-Equipped Hostels
- Safety First
- CGE Integration
- Excellent Placement

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The Best Choice for PU, NEET, and JEE Preparation



Union Minister Prahlad Joshi honored Dr. GB Eregowda with the esteemed VK-BM Excellence Award

Under the guidance of experienced faculty and resource persons, Jeevith Academy is committed to enhancing the success rate of students from our state in the all-India entrance exams. Led by Dr. G.B. Eregowda, the academy has become a hub for top-notch coaching.

28 Years of Expertise

With an extensive 28 years of experience in teaching Chemistry, Dr. G.B. Eregowda has dedicated his career to sharing his knowledge with students. Recently retired from government service, he is now fully focused on contributing to Jeevith Academy's mission of shaping future doctors and engineers.

"If students prepare sincerely for NEET or JEE, they will definitely secure a seat and even achieve top ranks. We provide complete training to help them succeed."

— Dr. G.B. Eregowda, Founder, Jeevith NEET

"For nearly 18 years, I have observed Dr. G.B. Eregowda's dedicated service in government PU colleges of Yelahanka and Rajanukunte. His commitment to the profession, concern for college development, and the awards he has received from the state and reputed institutions are truly commendable."

— S.R. Vishwanath, MLA, Yelahanka

"Dr. G.B. Eregowda served as a Chemistry lecturer and acting principal in a government PU college for about 28 years before opting for voluntary retirement and establishing an educational institution. I wholeheartedly wish him success in all his future endeavors."

— Puttanna, MLC

Jeevith PU College Soon

Dr. G.B. Eregowda, who has always dreamt of establishing his own PU college, has received approval from the Department of Pre-University Education to start a college. Once accredited, students will be able to pursue both PU courses and coaching for JEE, NEET, and CET exams within the same campus.

Jeevith Academy's Success Story:

In just three years, Jeevith Academy has delivered remarkable results, with 23 out of 58 students securing top NEET ranks in 2023 and gaining admission to leading medical colleges. The academy offers flexible coaching options—hostel, non-hostel, and tuition-based—allowing students to choose what suits them best. Regular tests and personalized teaching methods ensure focused preparation and consistent success.

Specialized Coaching

In just three years, Jeevith Academy has achieved remarkable success. The academy offers coaching for NEET, JEE, CET, and PU exams, providing a comprehensive range of options, including hostel facilities, non-hostel options, and long-term courses. Over 50% of students coached by Jeevith Academy have secured excellent marks in NEET and gained admission to renowned medical colleges.

About Dr. G.B. Eregowda:

Dr. G.B. Eregowda, a postgraduate topper from University of Mysore (1994), holds a Ph.D. in Chemistry with a specialization in cancer research. He has published 18 research papers—13 in international

and 5 in national journals—and developed 21 new chemical compounds. Recognized for his contributions to education and research, he received the Best Teacher Award from the state government in 2016, the Dr. Abdul Kalam Life Achievement National Award in 2014, and the Aryabhata International Award in 2023.

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A Trailblazer in Engineering Education

With a vision to offer quality technical education, the Don Bosco Group of Educational Institutions, established under the Wayanamac Education Trust, has emerged as a leading academic hub, nurturing thousands of students with world-class education at Kumbalagodu, Bangalore-Mysore Highway. Today, the institution stands tall with offerings that span, undergraduate, degree, engineering, management programs, postgraduate studies, and Ph.D. research centers across diverse disciplines.

A Legacy Since 1999

The Wayanamac Education Trust (WET) embarked on its educational journey in 1999 under the dynamic leadership of visionary entrepreneur and technocrat Shri B. Bylappa, the Found-



er-President of the Trust. With dedicated support from Vice President Shri B. Manjunath and Secretary Shri B. Raghav, the institution has scaled new heights year after year. Spread across a sprawling 30-acre campus, Don Bosco Institute of Technology (DBIT) was established in 2001 and has been at the forefront of delivering globally benchmarked technical education ever since. The institution is affiliated to Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) and approved by



Shri B. Bylappa, President



Shri B. Manjunath, Vice President



Shri B. Raghav, Secretary

AICTE. It has earned 'A' Grade from NAAC and NBA accreditation for all eligible courses, reaffirming its commitment to academic excellence.

Focus on Skill Development

Don Bosco goes beyond traditional academics by placing a strong emphasis on skill enhancement. To bridge the gap between curriculum and industry needs, the institution has forged strategic partnerships with leading companies like Samsung India, Capgemini, and MathWorks. These collaborations

empower students with practical exposure and industry-ready competencies. To promote professional development and online learning, the institution has also partnered with government-backed platforms like SWAYAM-NPTEL and other digital platform making world-class content accessible to its students.

Impressive Placement Record

Each year, 80% to 90% of eligible undergraduate and postgraduate students secure job offers from reputed organizations. DBIT has signed MoUs with leading com-

"True education never goes in vain. We believe in equipping every student with the knowledge and skills to face global challenges. We take immense pride in seeing our students excel across diverse domains worldwide."

— Dr. B.S. Nagabhushana, Principal, Don Bosco Institute of Technology

panies such as TCS, Wipro, HCL, Tech Mahindra, Johnson Controls and others to facilitate seamless placements. Prior to recruitment drives, all students undergo rigorous skill enhancement training to boost their employability. Notably, during recent campus placement drive, annual package has touched up to ₹30LPA.

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A Legacy of Innovative, Neuroscience-Based Education

In a distinctive approach to learning, Pratibha Academy has adopted a neuroscience-based teaching methodology that aligns with how the student's brain processes and understands concepts. Through various interactive activities, the academy ensures that knowledge is not just taught, but truly absorbed. Located in Banashankari 2nd Stage, Pratibha Academy holds a rich legacy of over 60 years in quality education. Blending tradition with modern pedagogy, it is one of the oldest schools in Bangalore that has embraced a progressive model of learning while holding on to the ethos of a New India.



**PRATIBHA
ACADEMY**

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS
OF EXCELLENCE

Founded by freedom fighters Ahalya Bai and Navaratna Raghavendra Rao, the school was born from a vision to transform the nation through education. Recognizing Raghavendra Rao's contributions, then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi honored him with the 'Tamrapatra' award. The school began in 1962 at Net-



A Sporting Spirit

At Pratibha Academy, physical education is as important as academics. Students are encouraged to take up sports such as Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Table Tennis, Chess, Carrom, Volleyball, and Basketball.

Dedicated courts for basketball and volleyball are available. The school also offers opportunities to join Scouts & Guides and NCC, instilling discipline and social responsibility in young minds.

Dr. Deepti Navaratna: Blending Experience with Vision

At the helm of the academy is Dr. Deepti Navaratna, a neuroscientist, researcher, and accomplished musician. A Ph.D. graduate in neuroscience from the University of New Mexico, she has conducted advanced research at Harvard Medical School and is currently a faculty member at the National Institute

of Advanced Studies (NIAS), IISc Bengaluru. Recognized by the UK Government's Chevening Clore Leadership Programme (2021-23) as a global creative artist and dynamic leader, she has also performed at the Chicago Parliament and served as Regional Director at Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts in 2022.

takallappa Circle and was later shifted near the Devagiri Temple in Banashankari in 1990. It follows the CBSE curriculum from pre-primary to Class 10. After 4 decades of stewardship by Ahalya Bai's daughter Uma Navaratna, the baton has now passed to her daughter Dr. Deepti Navaratna, who is shaping the academy's future. Under her leadership, the school focuses on fostering unity in diversity, nurturing leadership qualities, and solving complex problems through creative thinking.

What Is Neuroscience-Based Learning?

This cutting-edge methodology focuses on understanding how much and how well a student grasps a subject, what truly interests them, and how the content impacts their brain. Greater emphasis is placed on learning

Facilities at Pratibha Academy

- Integrated Science Laboratory
- Digital Library
- Neuroscience-Based Teaching Practices
- Smart Classrooms
- STEM and Robotics Education

Our school stands apart with its neuroscience-based teaching approach. We integrate music, arts, robotics, and yoga into our education model. Equal



emphasis is placed on extracurricular activities to nurture the all-round development of our students."

— Dr. Deepti Navaratna,
President,
Pratibha Academy

through stotras, shlokas, and yoga, enhancing cognitive and emotional development. With a teacher-student ratio of 1:20, every learner receives individual attention. While neuroscience-based teaching is gaining momentum abroad, Pratibha Academy is one of the few schools in India pioneering this practice.

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A Guiding Light for Aspiring Medical Students



Medical education, especially pursuing an MBBS, is a dream for millions of students. However, the dream remains out of reach for many due to the limited number of government seats. Doctor Overseas Education, a beacon of hope for these students, provides guidance and opportunities to study medicine abroad, turning dreams into reality.

Founded in 2015 by Dr. Bhagyashree Hari and Managing Director Hari Narendra, the organization has built a strong reputation in offering medical education guidance to students aspiring for overseas

studies. The organization is ISO-certified, ensuring high standards in its services. In India, about 27 lakh students appear for the NEET (National Eligibility cum Entrance Test) each year with the hope of securing an MBBS seat. However, there are only 1.10 lakh seats available, leading to

The institute provides a variety of services, including support for educational loans, visa processes, and Vaidya Shikshana scholarship opportunities. Moreover, Doctor Overseas Education conducts an entrance exam for students aspiring to study abroad,

fierce competition and a struggle to gain admission. For many, the option of studying medicine abroad becomes a viable solution, and Doctor Overseas Education plays a crucial role in helping these students find suitable universities and colleges overseas. With over a decade of experience

offering scholarships worth Rs 5 to 10 lakh to top performers. The organization is committed to supporting students throughout their educational journey, from helping them secure admission to offering post-graduation career guidance.

in guiding students towards their dream careers in medicine, Doctor Overseas Education has assisted more than 200 students in realizing their goals. The institute offers comprehensive guidance on the medical education system abroad, including information on tuition fees, accommodation, travel, and more. By working with reputable and affordable institutions across countries, the organization ensures that students receive high-quality education in a secure and reliable environment.

Doctor Overseas Education only endorses government-approved medical universities and colleges in countries like Russia, Georgia,

Doctor Overseas Education remains dedicated to providing all necessary support, including updates on medical education and career options, ensuring that students succeed not only in their education but also in their future careers. With its expanding network and increasing reputation, Doctor Overseas Education has become the go-to place for students in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh, guiding them toward their dreams of becoming successful doctors abroad.

Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Nepal, and Armenia. These universities are recognized by the National Medical Council (NMC) and the World Health Organization (WHO), ensuring that students receive valid degrees that are accepted worldwide.

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Making Dreams Come True for Economically Challenged Students

Symbolizing vision and social responsibility, former MLA and Minister A. Krishnappa's remarkable leadership has transformed the educational institution he started from a single school into a thriving network, fulfilling the dreams of underprivileged students.

When ordinary citizens were unable to secure support for establishing a school in their village, A. Krishnappa took matters into his own hands, launching the "Bharatiya Vidyapeeth" school with the support of the local community. Building on this success, he later expanded his vision and established the South East Asian Educational (S.E.A) Trust, which now includes a wide range of educational institutions, offering courses in fields such as schools, PU, ITI, UG, PG, Engineering, B.Ed, LLB, Nursing, and more.

The S.E.A group of institutions has created a comprehensive learning



environment where students can begin their education and continue until they finish their Ph.D. All of this is made possible by S.E.A's dedication to academic excellence. Following the passing of Krishnappa, his children and grandchildren continue to lead these institutions into the modern era. The institution is now stepping into its 25th year

of operations.

Broad Curriculum Offered for Every Aspiring Student

S.E.A Educational Institutions offer both State and ICSE curriculum options, ensuring flexibility for students. In addition to regular programs, the college offers a variety of courses, for schools, PU, ITI, UG, PG, Engineering, B.Ed, LLB, Nursing, and more. All courses are affiliated with renowned universities, including Bengaluru North University, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, and Visvesvaraya Technological University.

Excellence in Education

The legacy of visionary founder D. V.

Krishnappa lives on. He believed that education should nurture individuals, shaping them to become leaders and valuable members of society. S.E.A Educational Institutions are dedicated to creating a comprehensive learning environment where every student can thrive. S.E.A Educational Institutions celebrate the Independence Day every year with great pride, with students participating in the grand procession. The institution provides an excellent communication skills curriculum, project work, and internship opportunities that equip students for success in the job market.

Social Responsibility

S.E.A also demonstrates a strong commitment to social responsibility by providing free education for the children of employees working

We are working progressively across each educational level, and we aim to transform this college into a university in the future."

— K. Anupama,
Treasurer & Joint Secretary,
S.E.A Educational
Institutions

Key Features

- Transportation Facility
- Atal Tinkering Lab
- Excellent Placement Opportunities
- Sports Training and Music School
- PU Integrated Courses
- Foreign Language Learning
- Separate Hostel Facilities for Students

In both teaching non-teaching category and offering fee concessions for high-achieving students. Through its dedication to both academic and social welfare, S.E.A Educational Institutions have become a beacon of hope, transforming the dreams of economically challenged students into reality.

Dream of a Private University

S.E.A College is currently operating under various educational boards and affiliations, and in the near future, it plans to take a step towards becoming a private university. The institution places great emphasis not only on academics but also on extra-

curricular activities. Students are actively encouraged to participate in sports, including cricket, football, and badminton, from the school level. Yoga, NSS, and NCC programs are also offered to promote overall development.

A Beacon of Excellence in Nursing Education

Cura Nursing College has established itself as a premier institution for quality nursing education, preparing students not just for national but also international careers in the healthcare industry.

Founded by healthcare entrepreneur Shwetha Kenchappa, Cura Nursing College is backed by the experience of running two hospitals in Bengaluru — one in Kanakapura Road with 50 beds and another in Kammanahalli with 200 beds. It was through the challenges of managing these healthcare facilities that Shwetha realized the critical importance of professionally trained nurses in delivering compassionate and effective patient care.

"In the early days of our hospitals,

Advanced Cath Labs

To further elevate its healthcare services, Cura has set up state-of-the-art Cath Labs at both hospital locations. Equipped with the latest imaging systems and minimally invasive treatment options, these advanced facilities empower our cardiology specialists and technicians to deliver top-tier diagnostic and interventional care.



we faced difficulties despite offering top-notch treatment, primarily due to the shortage of well-trained nurses," recalls Shwetha. "We decided to train our nursing staff ourselves, and that inspired us to establish our own nursing and par-

amedical institutes."

Today, Cura Nursing College is known for its commitment to high-quality education, blending theoretical knowledge with extensive practical training. "Our curriculum is designed to ensure that students

are industry-ready from day one. They graduate with not only strong nursing skills but also fluent English communication, opening doors to career opportunities across Europe, the USA, and beyond," says Shwetha.

New Healthcare Programs

We are expanding our academic offerings to include new programs in hospital administration and MBA-level management courses. The healthcare industry requires more than just skilled doctors and nurses; it needs capable administrators. Our goal is to develop the next generation of healthcare leaders through a comprehensive medical management curriculum. At Cura Nursing College, we are also committed to the continuous development of our faculty and staff. Ongoing training and opportunities for growth are crucial in maintaining excellence in care and staying at the forefront of medical advancements. Our journey in healthcare has been driven by dedication, hard work, and a commitment to excellence, and we look forward to shaping the future through quality health education and compassionate service."

— Shwetha Kenchappa,
Chairman



Renowned for Excellence in Fertility Treatment Training

Medline Academics has emerged as a prestigious institution, offering high-quality training in the field of fertility treatment to doctors, embryologists, and nurses. Known for its excellence, Medline Academics has become a trusted name for medical professionals seeking to enhance their skills in reproductive medicine.

A Pioneer in IVF Treatment

Dr. Kamini Rao, a renowned obstetrician and IVF expert, brings over 40 years of expertise to the field. To share her knowledge with more doctors, Dr. Kamini Rao's daughter-in-law, Dr. Pooja Siddhartha Rao, launched Medline Academics at Dr. Kamini Rao's Hospital in Kumar Park, Bangalore. Since its inception, hundreds of doctors have benefited from the courses offered by Medline Academics.

Advanced Fertility Education

Medline Academics has created an e-learning platform for continuous professional development, providing doctors with in-depth training on reproductive medicine. This platform is designed for medical professionals to enhance their understanding of fertility, with a focus on improving clinical practices. The academy offers one-year courses aimed at ex-



panding expertise for gynecologists and fertility specialists.

Available Courses: Fellowship in Reproductive Medicine

A comprehensive one-year course that covers essential topics such as fundamental aspects of fertility medicine, basic infertility, embryology, andrology, IUI (Intrauterine Insemination), biological markers, laparoscopic and hysteroscopic procedures. Training in egg pickup, embryo transfer, and IUI simulation is also included.

Embryology Fellowship

A one-year course (hybrid model)

that covers basic andrology, embryology, IUI, IVF lab setup, instrumentation, and various other advanced training methods in the field of embryology.

Advanced ART Course for Clinics

A three-month course designed to help doctors understand how to select appropriate pharmacotherapy protocols for ovarian stimulation and controlled ovarian stimulation cycles based on patient profiles. It includes training in advanced fertility techniques such as IVF, ICSI (Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection), and intra-cytoplasmic sperm injection techniques.



Hands-On Training with Cutting-Edge Technology

Medline Academics ensures that students receive comprehensive exposure to the latest technology used in fertility treatments. The academy uses simulation machines for training and offers a range of practical experiences, such as laparoscopy, hysteroscopy, and ultrasound courses. Students can also explore advanced reproductive techniques like IVF and cryopreservation through hands-on sessions.

International Reach and Flexible Learning

Medline Academics attracts students not only from various states across India but also from international locations. The academy offers both online and live classes every week to facilitate learning. Students from different parts of the world have the opportunity to enhance their fertility treatment skills with the best in class training.

The institution offers a comprehensive range of additional courses designed to enhance clinical expertise across reproductive and surgical fields. These include a Basic Fertility Course, Basic ICU Endoscopy Training, and hands-on Hysteroscopy and Laparoscopy Training. Students also benefit from advanced Simulation Machine-Based Training and a dedicated Fertility Nurse Training Program. For medical professionals,

Simulation-Based Training

One of the key features at Medline Academics is simulation-based training, which allows doctors to practice and hone their skills using state-of-the-art equipment. This method ensures that practitioners are well-prepared for real-world clinical scenarios. Medline Academics also includes project work, bi-annual and annual exams, and lab-based assessments as part of the curriculum.

there are specialized options such as an Advanced ART Course, a Fellowship in Reproductive Medicine, and a First Trimester Ultrasound Course. Further academic opportunities include a Fellowship in Embryology and an MSc in Embryology, catering to those aiming for advanced careers in fertility science.

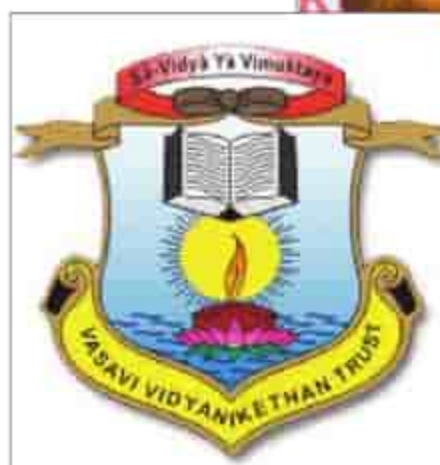
Excellence in Reproductive Medicine

Medline Academics offers an exceptional opportunity for professionals in the fertility treatment field to enhance their skills and knowledge. By providing access to world-class training and the latest medical technologies, the academy is setting a new standard in reproductive medicine education.

VVN: The Best College for Girls' Education

Vasavi Vidya Niketan School, PU, and Degree College was founded with the noble goal of empowering girl students through education and helping them attain a respected place in society.

Located near the west gate of Lalbagh, the college offers a variety of courses from primary education to undergraduate programs. Though established decades ago, the institution has consistently upgraded its infrastructure to meet modern educational standards. Managed by the Vasavi Vidya Niketan Trust (VVNT), the institution



also runs a CBSE-affiliated school-college named 'Edify' on Kanakapura Road. The classrooms at VVN are equipped with LCD monitors and computer science labs, alongside business and English language labs and

a well-stocked reference library. Facilities like a fully furnished auditorium, open-air theatre, audio-visual classrooms, and enhanced safety features including CCTV surveillance and security staff ensure a holistic and secure learning environment.

Courses Offered: Equipping Students for Careers

In addition to the standard curriculum, VVN provides a variety of career-enhancing courses designed to equip students with essential

skills for the modern job market. These include Microsoft Office, Google, Yoga classes, Communicative English, Personality Development, Soft Skills Training, Tally, and CorelDRAW, Photoshop, ensuring that students receive a well-rounded education that prepares them for diverse career opportunities.

Campus to Corporate Training

Students are also trained in Karate for self-defense. Additionally, guest lectures, workshops on trending topics, remedial classes for academic improvement, career counselling, and women skill development programs are routinely organized.

University Curriculum with Added Value

VVN follows the university-mandated curriculum, supplemented with innovative tools like academic cal-

endars, teacher manuals, and student handbooks to ensure effective implementation. Add-on courses are introduced to elevate the academic experience.

Highly Qualified Faculty

VVN is powered by a team of experienced and highly qualified faculty members—many of whom hold Ph.Ds and have presented numerous research papers. Their exper-

Along with providing education to students, we are teaching them the skills to face the challenges of the modern world. We are ensuring high-quality learning and fostering leadership qualities, as well as nurturing a sense of social responsibility."

— B.S. Arun Kumar,
General Secretary, VVNT

A Life Dedicated to Service

Mr. B.S. Arun Kumar, the General Secretary of VVNT, is an entrepreneur by profession who has remained steadfast in his commitment to social service. A graduate from BMS College of Engineering, he is also a partner at Santosh Theatre and has served as President of the Karnataka Film Exhibitors Association as well as the FKCCI.

Key Collaborations

- Integrated CA course available
- MoU with NICT for Tally training
- MoU with Cothas Coffee Ltd. for internship opportunities

tise in both teaching and academic research ensures students grasp concepts through diverse methods. Regular participation in Faculty Development Programs (FDPs) ensures that teaching standards are continually elevated.

Commitment to Social Responsibility

VVN is deeply committed to Institutional Social Responsibility (ISR). For specially-abled students, the college arranges scribes during examinations. It also conducts quizzes for visually impaired students, offering cash prizes to winners. Meritorious students receive scholarships. "Our vision is to empower girls to become the strength of the nation," says the Principal of the Degree College.

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Lighting the Path to Civil Services Success

For students dreaming of becoming KAS/IAS officers or securing top government positions, Sadhana Coaching Centre has become a trusted guiding light. With over 12 years of consistent excellence under the visionary leadership of Dr. K.C. Jyothi, Sadhana has emerged as one of Karnataka's premier coaching institutes for competitive exams. With its head office in Bengaluru's Vijayanagar and training centers in districts like Chikkaballapur, Kalaburagi, and Yadgir, the institution has grown into a statewide movement for academic empowerment.

Institution of Excellence

Sadhana Coaching Centre is a government-designated training provider for aspirants from Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes, and Minority Welfare Departments. This



recognition is a testament to the institute's unparalleled training standards and outcomes. Over 15,000 aspirants have been trained at Sadhana so far, with more than 900 successfully clearing competitive exams and secur-



Why Sadhana?

Sadhana provides expert coaching for a variety of competitive exams, including KAS, IAS, Banking, RRB, SSC, Group C, Police, and Lecturer & Teacher positions. With a dedicated team of 35 experienced faculty members, comprising professors, officers, and subject experts, classes are offered in both Kannada and English. The academy boasts an exclusive library, curated study materials, weekly tests, mock

interviews, and weekend guest lectures by senior officers and academicians. Unlike standard coaching, personalized training with handwritten notes is provided after each lecture. Sadhana also prioritizes women aspirants by offering affordable fees, EMI options, and even free training for those unable to pay, ensuring that no student is left behind due to financial limitations.

ing prestigious government roles. Notably, over 40 candidates have

cleared the KAS exams under Sadhana's guidance.

Revolutionary Leader

Dr. K.C. Jyothi, recognized as the "Revolutionary Woman of the Competitive Exam World," transformed personal adversity into a powerful public movement. Born in Chitradurga to Chandranayak and Jayamma, she faced early hardship with the loss of her father and took on the responsibility of supporting her family. With an M.A. in Economics, M.Phil, and PhD from Kuvempu University, Dr. Jyothi turned her struggles into a mission for change. Her

remarkable journey has earned her numerous accolades, including the National Women Achiever Award (2021), World-Class Kuvempu Award (2021), Banjara Ratna Award, Mahatma Gandhi Peace Award, Rajyotsava Award, Dr. Rajkumar Saddadana Award, and the Best National Revolutionary Youth Lady of the Year Award (2020). Her life story is a testament to grit, inspiration, and an unwavering commitment to education for all.

India's First Coaching Centre to Train Slum Children

Sadhana stands tall not just for results but for its social mission. It holds the unique distinction of being India's first coaching institute

to train students from urban slums, empowering over 300 underprivileged learners. Today, more than 20 of them are serving in various government departments – a testament to the transformative impact of inclusive education.

Expanding Impact through Partnerships



In addition to its work with the government, Sadhana collaborates with educational institutions and social organizations to conduct training programs. From Moodbidri's Alva's to Kalaburagi's Sharana Basaveshwara Institution, Sadhana has expanded its footprint across Karnataka's districts and taluks, leaving a trail

of empowered youth and inspired communities.

Flat-owners' associations must register under KAO Act

The Karnataka High Court has emphasised that flat owners' associations in residential-only apartments must register under the Karnataka Apartment Ownership Act (KAO) rather than the Karnataka Cooperative Societies Act (KCS).

Justice KS Hemalekha, whilst hearing a petition from 'Ramky One North' apartment owners in Avalahalli Village, Yelahanka Taluk, delivered this ruling. The court nullified the Deputy Registrar's order dated October 19, 2023, which had registered the Society under the KCS Act. It instructed the Builder (Respondent No.5) to establish an Association of Apartment Owners under the KAO Act, with respondent No.4 Society members to assist in forming an Association for 'Ramky North'.

The petitioners argued that residential apartment associations must register under the KAO Act, citing the Division Bench's decision in 'Proposed Starnest Apartment Owners Co-operative Society Ltd.



Vs. State of Karnataka and others, W.A. NO.564/2024 D.D. June 18, 2024".

The society contested the petition's admissibility, claiming some petitioners weren't apartment owners and referenced previous court proceedings supporting their registration.

The bench noted that apartment owners had signed a Deed of Declaration-cum undertaking for forming an Owners Association. 'Ramky One North' comprises only residential units.

The court stated, "The KAO Act makes it clear that if the property is used or proposed to be used for residential purposes, the KAO Act is applicable. As could be seen from the records that the sale deeds indicate

that the entire project is for residential use and no part of the project is used or intended to be used towards commercial use. The Deed of Declaration is executed by the Apartment owners for Formation of the Apartment owners Association."

The court concluded that residential apartment owners' associations must register under the KAO Act, not the KCS Act, and that the petitioners were entitled to KAO Act registration. Regarding previous proceedings, the court clarified that earlier challenges only concerned election schedules, not the society's formation validity.

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Part of land can't be retained after sale deed is executed

The Karnataka High Court ruled that landowners cannot retain any portion of land after executing sale deeds for the entire area designated for apartment complex construction.

Justice NS Sanjay Gowda, in a single-judge ruling, granted the petition by Keerthi Harmony Apartment Owners Association, nullifying the BBMP licence given to developer Hanumantha Reddy for apartment construction.

The court stated "The grant of approval by the BBMP to build a new apartment complex would be wholly illegal and as such, Annexures 'A' and 'B' are accordingly quashed."

On January 28, 2005, Keerthi Estates Private Limited entered a Joint Development Agreement with landowners to construct an apartment complex on 05 acres 16 guntas

(2,35,224 square feet), with an agreed proportion of built-up area sharing.

The Bangalore Development Authority sanctioned the plan requiring the Builder to relinquish the area for two roads, dividing the property. The larger section was for apartment buildings, whilst a 1104.40 sq.mtr plot was allocated for Rain Water Harvesting Unit and Sewage Treatment Plant (RWHU & STP).

Sale agreements specified the Schedule 'A' property as the entire 5 acres 16 guntas or 2,35,224 square feet. However, the builder established the RWHU & STP within the apartment complex, deviating from the approved plan.

On April 3, 2018, landowners sought BBMP permission to construct an apartment complex with basement, stilt, ground plus three floors on 990.54 sq.mtr, where the RWHU & STP were originally planned.

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Lokayukta raids uncover assets worth ₹227 crore

In a crackdown on corruption, the Karnataka Lokayukta Police conducted simultaneous raids at over 35 locations across the state on Thursday, targeting seven government officers accused in disproportionate assets (DA) cases. The raids, carried out in Bengaluru City, Bengaluru Rural, Tumakuru, Mangaluru, Vijayapura, and Yadgir districts, revealed a staggering accumulation of unaccounted wealth worth ₹227.86 crore.

Among the accused, HR Nataraj, Legal Metrology Inspector, and Murali TV., Additional Director at BDA, were found with assets worth ₹3.94 crore and ₹3.47 crore respectively. Searches at five premises linked to Nataraj unearthed two sites, two houses, and nine acres of agricultural land valued at ₹3.13 crore, along with ₹1.5 lakh in cash, ₹21 lakh in jewels, and ₹54 lakh in other assets.

Murali's assets included three houses and three sites worth ₹3.16 crore, and ₹30.5 lakh in movable assets, including vehicles and jewellery. Other officers raided included Anantha Kumar (Bengaluru Rural), Rajashekhar D (Tumakuru), Manjunatha MR (Mangaluru), Renuka Satarle (Vijayapura), and Umakanth Halle (Yadgir), each holding properties, cash, gold, vehicles, and valuables beyond known sources of income.

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biodiversity parks that will also ensure awareness about the conservation of green urban areas.

"We will be planting only native tree species across all five parks to help improve the city's biodiversity. Over and above forming green lung spaces, the parks will also sport information boards to spread awareness about plants and trees among the visitors," added Swamy.

BBMP to plant one lakh saplings

With monsoon approaching, BBMP is planning to plant one lakh saplings across the city. This year, we are taking up 1 lakh saplings.

Officials say the target has been kept low to ensure better

maintenance and a higher survival rate.

"We have reduced the number of saplings to one lakh to ensure a better survival rate. We have observed that when the number of saplings is higher, contractors scramble to plant them in random places without due diligence. It becomes difficult for the Forest Department to supervise work on-ground due to insufficient manpower. Thus, we have decided to keep the number of saplings low for better management. Moreover, BBMP is also focusing on compensatory plantation. The department is involved in multiple CA activities on behalf of other agencies, such as BWSSN K-RIDE, etc.," said an official.

Naked thief drills wall, steals mobiles from shop

Man wanted to make sure police wouldn't be able to track him through his attire at least

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Thief broke into a mobile phone shop in Hongasandra by drilling through the back wall—completely naked except for a face mask and escaped with 85 high-end smartphones.

The theft occurred around midnight on May 9 at Hanuman Telecom, owned by Dinesh, who had closed shop as usual. But when he arrived the next morning, he found a gaping hole in the rear wall and shelves wiped clean. Shocked, he immediately alerted the Bommanahalli police.

CCTV footage revealed the thief crawling through the hole, stark naked, and methodically picking up mobile phones. His face was covered with a mask, and police believe he ditched his clothes intentionally—knowing police often identify suspects based on clothing captured on CCTV.

Officials say the stolen phones, from multiple premium brands, are worth several lakhs. A case has been registered. Investigators are analysing CCTV footage and gathering clues to track down the suspect. Police suspect the involvement of a repeat offender familiar with investigative loopholes. A manhunt is underway.

Ananda Guruji alleges defamation, blackmail; YouTuber in dock

Anchor Divya Vasanth, already under the scanner in an extortion case linked to a massage parlour racket, finds herself in fresh legal trouble. A new case

has been registered against her and one Krishnamurthy, following a complaint by spiritual leader Anand Guruji filed at the Police Station alleging threats, blackmail, and defamation by unknown individuals and two media personalities.

The complainant, who has been residing at the Maharshi Mandira, Agrahara for the past eight years and runs a monastery, stated that he has been conducting public and spiritual pro-



grammes and regularly appears on a TV channel. According to the FIR, on August 26, 2024, at around 10.40 am, unknown individuals allegedly blocked his car near his ashram, hurled verbal abuse, maligned his character, and threatened to release fabricated and inappropriate videos if he did not pay them money. When he refused, they reportedly issued death threats.

Spiritual guru claims he is being blackmailed, extorted by media, influencer

Later, a person named Shri Krishnamoorthi allegedly entered the ashram and recorded videos, which were then posted on YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, and television channels, causing immense mental agony to the spiritual leader and his family. Another media outlet, Samrat TP, allegedly posted defamatory videos on August 28, 2024.

Despite obtaining a restraining order from the court, both Krishnamoorthi and anchor Divya Vasanth allegedly continued to violate the court's directive by uploading more defamatory content on April 9, 2025, through Samrat TV and Vishwa Olive Kannada. A second stay order was issued on April 17, 2025, but fresh videos were allegedly uploaded thereafter.

The complainant has urged police to take legal action against Krishnamoorthi and Di-

vya Vasanth for repeated violations of court orders and ongoing harassment.

Cab driver stabs woman over money dispute

A 43-year-old cab driver has been arrested for allegedly stabbing his 46-year-old neighbour and girlfriend multiple times over a financial dispute. The incident occurred at a service apartment near BGS Hospital in Kengeri on May 11.

The accused, identified as Raju, had developed a close relationship with the woman, a homemaker who also engaged in small-time business activities such as chits. Over time, he borrowed nearly ₹5 lakh from her but failed to return it. According to police, Raju also grew suspicious of her involvement with other men, which further strained their relationship.

On May 11, Raju booked a room at a service apartment and brought the woman there around 10.52 pm. A heated argument broke out over the money, and in a fit of rage, he allegedly stabbed her six times and fled around 1.38 am. Locals heard her screams and, along with the apartment staff, rushed her to the hospital around 2.27 am.

The staff also alerted the Kengeri police, who arrived at the scene and conducted an investigation. Based on evidence and CCTV footage, Raju was arrested, and police seized gold ornaments from him believed to belong to the victim. **BMB**

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New e-khata applications stuck

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Later, I submitted one more application for e-khata in February. Till now, the authorities have done nothing to issue the e-khata to me. I wanted to sell the flat due to financial problems but I could not do that without e-khata as it is mandatory for registering the sale deed at the Sub-Registrar Office. I have incurred Rs 2 lakh to Rs 3 lakh loss since last November," said Satyajit Samal, who owns a flat at Battarahalli near KR Puram.

Uthaman M, a flat owner, also had a similar experience. He said that he desperately wants to sell his flat as he badly needed money. "I underwent open heart surgery a few months ago. I took the advance amount from the prospective buyer. I have also applied for e-khata in February but I am yet to get it. The sale deed will not be registered without the e-khata. I do not know what to do," said Uthaman.



Vinod Kunchakuri, who owns a flat in Mahaveer Chalet, Battarahalli, KR Puram, said that he entered into a sale agreement in September 2024 but he could not complete the sale transaction due to the lack of e-khata.

"I am trying to apply for e-khata online but it requires an Aadhaar linked phone number which I don't have as I live in the United States. I have no option to update it online and I need to visit India to do so. With current travel restrictions, it's becoming difficult to travel to India to complete this sale transaction," said Kunchakuri.

Alleging that the e-khata process initiative is being used by the BBMP officials to make additional income and they process only those whose applications are recommended by middlemen or with bribe, Srinivasan Shankar, president, Mahaveer Chalet Apartment Owners' Association, said the apartment has received the occupancy certificate (OC) in 2017 and is developed in a A khata land with all approved plan. "We have been paying property tax since 2013, but do not have the khata. All 128 flats do not have any

khata till date. A few of the flat owners are struggling a lot to obtain e-khata to enable them to sell their properties," he said.

Meanwhile, BBMP assistant revenue officer (KR Puram) told BM that there are no problems for renewing khata certificates. "I agree with the property owners that there are some problems with new khata certificates. We are processing the applications for e-khata certificates. All the problems will be fixed within a few days. If any property owner has any issue, he/she can meet the revenue officer," he said.

When informed about the delays, BBMP Special Commissioner (Revenue) said that such delays are not possible.

"We have First In First Out implemented, so older applications can't be kept pending and new ones disposed of. Let them share acknowledgement if they have any and then I will react. If they have really applied they will have the acknowledgement," the special commissioner said.

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Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today, you are likely to enjoy harmony in both your domestic and professional life. Your polite behavior with others may help you complete tasks smoothly. New sources of income may emerge, boosting your savings. You might also plan to renovate your home or office. Those in jobs could see opportunities for promotion.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

You may feel positive today. Harmony in the family will uplift your mood. Meeting an influential person could benefit you professionally. You are likely to perform well at work and may receive promotions or rewards. Inherited property disputes might finally be resolved.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

A positive day is ahead. Your hard work may finally pay off in your career. Strong focus will help you complete tasks ahead of schedule, boosting confidence. A short business trip could also prove beneficial for expanding your professional network.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

You may be busy at work today. With the blessings of elders, you're likely to implement new innovations. You may act ethically and follow rules in all dealings, which will bring inner peace and strength.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Self-analysis may bring renewed confidence today. Your focus on goals becomes clearer, and you are likely to achieve success. Creativity may flourish—you may take interest in art, films, fashion, or design. By the end of the day, you may feel satisfied. Opposition may weaken.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Blessed by the moon, you may expect gains from inherited property. Patience at work will enhance your efficiency. You'll be polite in your interactions and may achieve your daily tasks with less effort. Your communication skills could open up new business opportunities.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today, you may feel satisfied with your responsibilities at work. A short, work-related trip could be on the cards. You may also visit a religious place to restore inner peace. Guidance from your mentors could provide clarity regarding your goals.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Mixed experiences are likely today. Avoid high expectations from others to prevent disappointment. A phase of self-exploration and introspection may help you grow. Once this mental 'filtering' is complete, you'll feel more confident and better prepared for future challenges.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

You are blessed with patience today, thanks to the moon's influence. Despite external stress at work, your calm inner state helps you maintain balance. You'll enjoy your time both at work and at home. Your parents' health improves, and you may hear good news from siblings.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

You may feel a bit dull today. It's advised to keep your mind calm and think twice before acting. Travel might be required to recover pending payments. Avoid adventure trips. Students should focus on deep study for success. You may also find yourself drawn to the occult.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

You may feel surrounded by negativity, which could weigh you down. Responsibilities may feel burdensome, and rushing to finish tasks could lead to mistakes. Slower work efficiency may delay your projects, impacting your professional life. Seek advice from elders or consultants before making major decisions.

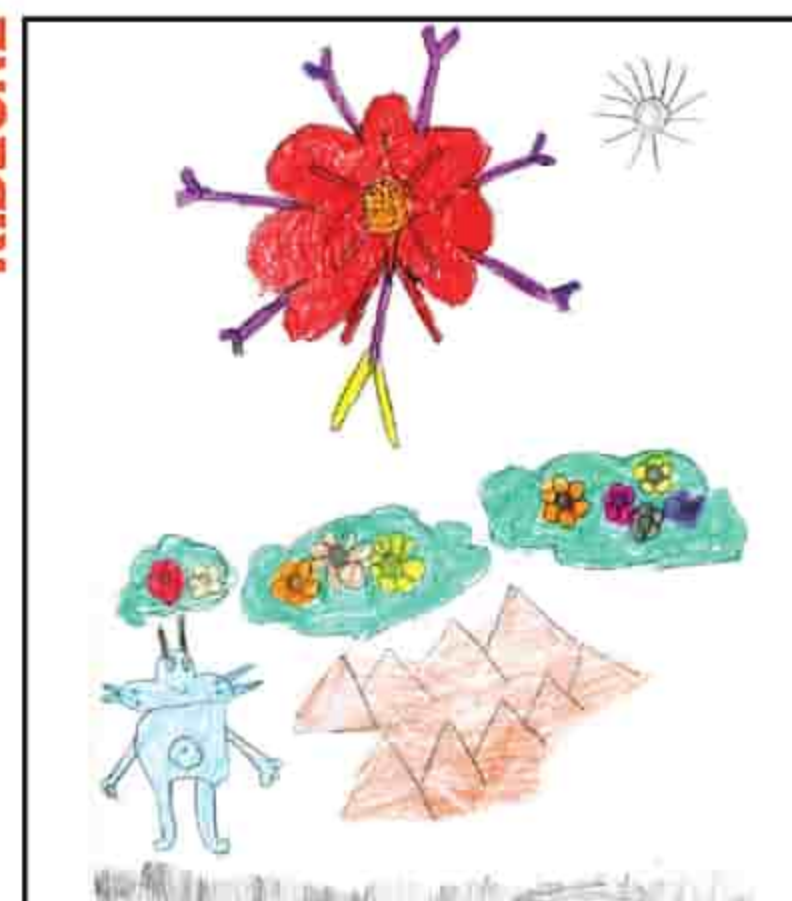


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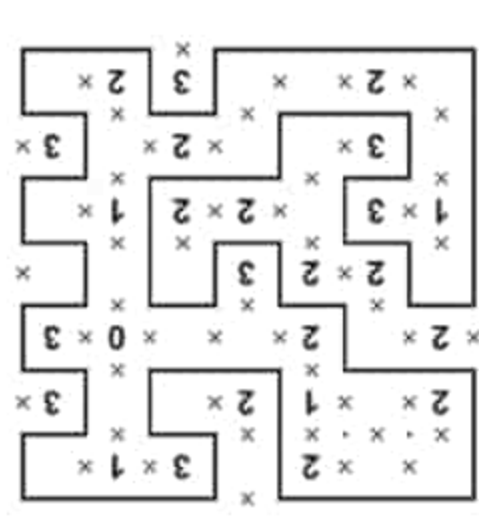
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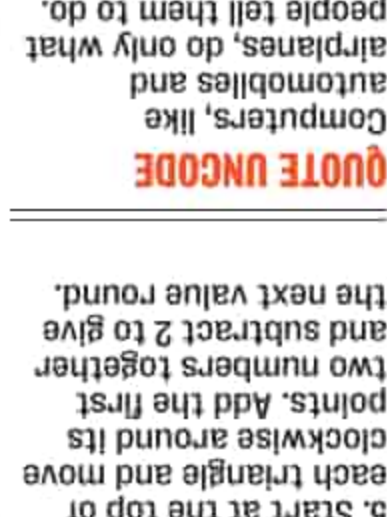
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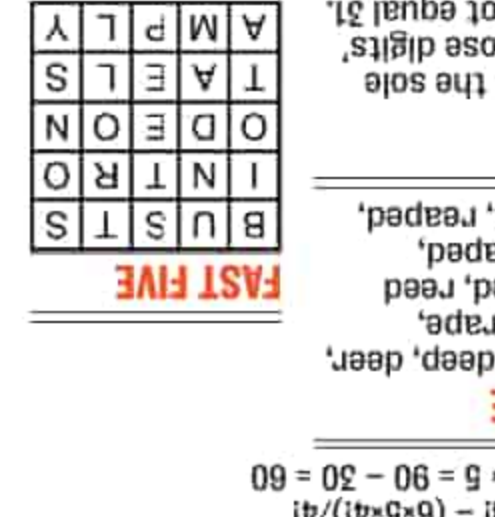
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Genelia reveals why she initially had her guard up

Riteish Deshmukh and Genelia D'Souza are one of Bollywood's favorite couples. They have been happily married for over ten years, but their story didn't start smoothly. Did you know that their journey didn't start off all smooth and sweet? In fact, Genelia had quite the first impression of Riteish—and it wasn't a good one!

Let's take a look at how what started off as silence and judgment on the film set slowly turned into one of Bollywood's most heartwarming love stories.

'He's the Chief Minister's son—I shouldn't be talking to him'

Back in 2003, Genelia and Riteish were just starting out in the film industry. They met on the sets of their debut film, 'Tujhe Meri Kasam.' At the time, Riteish was already in the spotlight—not just because he was making his Bollywood debut, but also because he was the son of Maharashtra's then Chief Minister, the late Vilasrao Deshmukh.

Understandably, Genelia had her guard up. "Honestly, I thought that Riteish was this rich, very connected brat, so I shouldn't look at him and talk to him, so I didn't," she revealed in an interview with Bollywood Bubble.

She stayed quiet and kept her

distance, even though she could tell that he was actually being nice. "He was wondering why I am not talking. He was very sweet, so I wanted to talk to him, but I was like, one shouldn't feel that I am talking to you because you are the chief minister's son and all of that," she said.

A bond that only grew stronger

Luckily, Genelia gave Riteish a chance, and once they started talking, they never looked back. "But anyway, we started talking, and then we never stopped for the next 18 years," she said. After dating for several years, the couple tied the knot on 3 February 2012. They had a beautiful wedding ceremony and have been going strong ever since. They're now parents to two adorable sons, Riaan and Rahyl.

Genelia and Riteish: Still winning hearts

Even after so many years, both Riteish and Genelia continue to charm audiences, not just with their relationship but also with their work in films. Genelia is all set to appear in Aamir Khan's upcoming film 'Sitaare Zameen Par.' Riteish, on the other hand, will return to one of his most popular comedy franchises. He will be seen in 'Housefull 5,' alongside Akshay Kumar, Abhishek Bachchan, and others.

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Cruise's Cannes coup

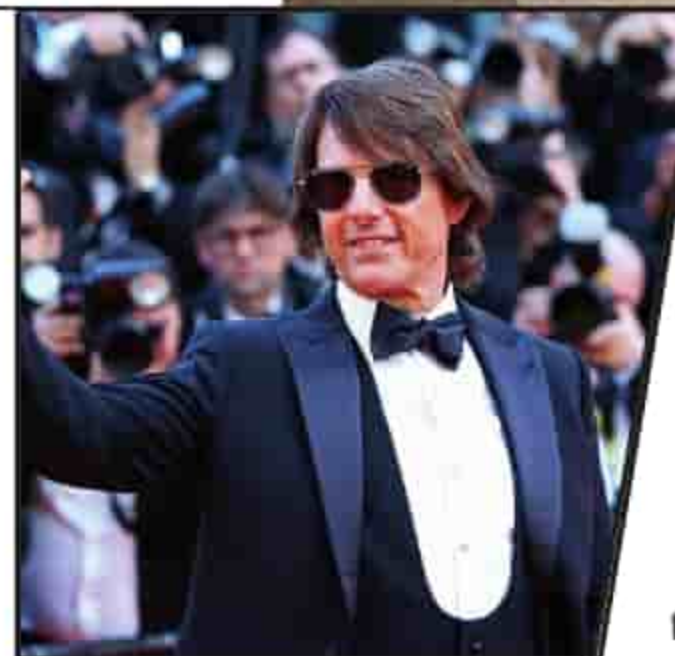
Three years after soaring into the Cannes Film Festival with 'Top Gun: Maverick', Tom Cruise returned once more, this time with the world premiere of 'Mission: Impossible — Final Reckoning', the latest explosive entry in the long-running action franchise.

Cruise, 62, was met with a roaring five-minute standing ovation following the premiere at the Grand Theatre Lumiere on Wednesday. A video posted by Deadline captures the actor

making his way down the aisle of the packed theatre as the audience applauded the latest instalment of the franchise.

The Hollywood star was seen expressing his gratitude to the festival audience. "I'm very grateful to be a part of this franchise," he said, recollecting his 30-year journey as the face of 'Mission: Impossible'.

The actor also took a moment to praise his director, who has now helmed four films in the series.



He also hinted at future collaborations, saying he looks forward to working with McQuarrie. —ETimes

Radhika Apte starrer 'Sister Midnight' to hit the theatres

The 78th British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) nominee 'Sister Midnight' starring Radhika Apte in the lead role is set to release in theatres on May 23. The film was written and directed by Karan Kandhari and produced by Alastair Clark, Anna Griffin, and Alan McAlex.

Apart from Radhika Apte, the film also stars Ashok Pathak, Chhaya Kadam, Smita Tambe, and



Navya Sawant.

Nominated for Outstanding British Debut at this year's BAFTA, 'Sister Midnight' was one of the most talked-about titles at the

77th Cannes Film Festival, where it was nominated for the Golden Camera award and the Directors' Fortnight. Also nominated for 4 British Independent Film Awards (BIFA), 'Sister Midnight' won Best Picture in the Next Wave Award at Austin's Fantastic Fest, and was warmly received at festivals across the globe. —ANI



Breakup not the end

When actor Kalki Koechlin attended the wedding of Aaliyah Kashyap, daughter of her ex-husband, filmmaker Anurag Kashyap, many were surprised. But for Kalki, it felt natural. In a recent chat, she opened up about why she chose to be there and how her bond with Aaliyah have remained strong over the years despite her split with Anurag.

Kalki-Anurag tied the knot in 2011, and parted ways in 2015.

In a recent interview on the YouTube channel Aleena Dissects, Kalki explained, "So much time has passed. We have both moved on in our lives."

Anurag's daughter from his first marriage with film editor Aarti Bajaj, Aaliyah Kashyap, married Shane Gregoire in December 2024. Among the friends and family celebrating the wedding was Kalki. Aaliyah was only 10 years old when her father married Kalki, and the bond formed during those years has clearly stayed strong.

Kalki said, "And Aaliyah is a part of those people that have been in my life because of Anurag. That's the wonderful thing you get out of breaking up, that there is a whole network of other people you have met because of that person..."

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Title dispute

Actor, director, and producer Thej was taken by surprise when Mythri Movie Makers announced their latest film titled 'Dude'—a name identical to his own upcoming project. Thej claimed that he had already registered the title 'Dude' for his movie over a year ago with Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce.

"I have no intention to fight against Mythri Movie Makers. I have already informed Mythri Movie Makers Executive Producer Anil, and I am expecting a positive response from him to clear the doubts and confusion about the title of the movies," he said.

Thej starrer 'Dude' is set to release in Kannada, Telugu, and Malayalam. "The movie revolves around a football match. It is dedicated to late Power Star Puneeth Rajkumar, who was known as a football fan. Senior actor Rangayana Raghu has played the football coach. The movie is scheduled for release in August or September," he noted.



Releasing shortly

Mayur Kadi is set to make his debut as a hero and a director in Sandalwood with Kannada movie 'Mathonda Heluve'. The movie, which belongs to the romance genre, is expected to hit theaters on June 13.

Mayur Kadi, renowned as a radio jockey, has played the lead apart from handling the megaphone for the movie.

According to Mayur, the protagonist is a radio jockey from North Karnataka. "Heroine happens to visit Dharwad from Mysuru. The movie revolves around the incidents that took place when both of them met. Its script is quite a different love story and worth watching by family members," he said.

The movie also features Apurva Aradhya, Girish Shivanna, PD Satish Chandra, Pratheek R, Chetan Marambeed, Vidhyasagar Dikshit, Pratheek, Karthik Paththar, Sunil Patri, and Jyothi Puranik. The movie is bankrolled under the Maheswara Motion Pictures banner by Prabhu Savanur and Avinash U.S. Parvathesh P has worked on cinematography, while Ullas Kulakarni and Prasanna Kumar MS worked on music scores.

